

WRITES AGAINST VACATIONS

RUSSELL SAGE ARGUES THAT EMPLOYEES DO NOT NEED THEM AND THAT THEY ARE AN INJUSTICE TO THE EMPLOYER—TIME TOO VALUABLE.

Russell Sage is the Independent. During the 38 years of my career I have not once taken a vacation.

A young man said to me the other day, "Mr. Sage, would you not have taken a vacation if you had worked for someone else?"

I replied that I would not. I have never been an advocate of what some term the "vacation habit." When I was a boy the practice was not in vogue. As a matter of fact, I was so glad to get a chance to learn business that the idea of asking my employer to make me a present of two weeks of the time that belonged to him because he had paid for it would have been preposterous. Besides, I was eager to advance in business, and could not see how I could do this by wasting valuable time.

Neither did any of my youthful associates take vacations, and I am sure you will agree with me that the fact did not retard their progress when I say that among them were Thurlow Weed, the king maker, Horace Greeley, Governor Seward and George Jones, the founder of the New York Times. These men were constantly at work, and they were history makers.

I think the "vacation habit" is the outgrowth of abnormal or distorted business methods. I fail to see anything legitimate in it.

Let us assume that an employer and his clerk make an agreement to exchange just remuneration for reasonable services, and each one keeps his part of the agreement. Are they not then quits? If there is any obligation, I think it is on the part of the clerk, who avails of the credit, skill and organization of the employer to learn a business and advance himself along a path which has already been prepared for him. What right has he, then, to demand or expect pay for two weeks' time for which he renders no equivalent, not considering the serious inconvenience to which he often puts his employer?

Suppose we were to reverse the conventional order of things, and instead of the clerk demanding two weeks' pay gratis, the employer should demand two weeks' work without pay as a condition of retaining the clerk in his employ. What a tremendous howl would go up.

It may be argued that the clerk by his vacation gains in health and vigor and thus enabled to render better service to his employer. If this claim were true he would be justified in asking for a vacation. In fact, he would not have to do so, as his employer would for his own gain and of his own accord send him away thus to recuperate.

But it is not absurd to suppose that a man who can work for eleven and a half months cannot as well work the whole year? Is it not equally absurd to suppose that a man can in two weeks recuperate from the wear and tear of a year's work, if there be such wear and tear? On the contrary, I have too often observed that men will, while on their vacations, make inroads upon their vitality and purses that cannot be repeated in the following eleven months and two weeks.

Then, again, the loss of time, the disorganization of business, that result from the absence of a valuable man from his desk are difficult to repair. A man sometimes must spend weeks catching up with work that has accumulated while he was away for a fortnight.

If a man will only take an interest in his work, love it, he will not need anything else to recuperate him, and men who learn to love the work invariably succeed.

A man should work "easy," be economical of his time, conserve his forces and not worry. It's worry and not work that makes the hair gray.

The doctors may recommend a change of air for a man when he's sick; but why be sick? Sickness is an irreparable loss of time. If I had a thousand tongues I'd preach "Save time" with them all. It's infinitely more valuable than money.

We read of Gladstone, who got all the recuperation he needed by simply changing his work. He didn't quit work and go idling about. Time was the most precious thing in the world for him, and by availing of every minute of it he practically did the work of an army of men.

Left For Pittsburg.

Jas. L. Devenney left this morning for Pittsburg and New York on business.

A Street Drill.

Company H held a street drill last night, with Capt. Neely in command and all officers present.

I have some fine lots in Morrow Place yet. H. H. Lanham.

POSTPONED

EDITORS MAY NOT MEET UNTIL SEPTEMBER—DATE NOT YET FIXED.

The meeting of the West Virginia Editorial Association which was to have been held at Pt. Pleasant June 16, 17 and 18, has been postponed by President W. L. Mansfield of the association.

President Mansfield had been notified that the new hotel going up in that city would not be completed by the date set for the meeting and as there is no other hostelry large enough to accommodate the members of the association he has announced the postponement of the meeting, and that no date has as yet been set for it.

It was the intention to attend West Virginia day at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in a body on June 20 but the date of West Virginia day has been changed by the West Virginia commission from June 20 to June 29, and this change had considerable to do with the postponing of the date of the meeting of the Editorial Association.

It may be that the meeting will be held a week later than the date first announced, but it is more than likely that it will not take place until September.

BOARDS PASS RESOLUTIONS

Deplore Mayor's Death as a Great Loss to the City.

BALTIMORE, June 2.—A special meeting of the Electrical Commission has been called for this morning at which resolutions upon the death of Mayor McLane will be adopted.

The Board of Awards yesterday adopted the following expression of regret:

Resolved, That the members of the Board of Awards takes this occasion to express the deep sense of personal sorrow, as well as of public calamity, with which they have received the distressing intelligence that the life of their late president, the Hon. Robert M. McLane, associated in their minds with all that is laudable in private character and disinterested in the discharge of public duty, has come to an end.

In the part that he took in the performance of the delicate and important functions belonging to this board, his calm sobriety of judgment, his spotless integrity and his unfailing courtesy were of invaluable assistance to it. If it has won and deserves the confidence of the people by strict and impartial adherence to the safeguards that the new City Charter has thrown around the award of city contracts, gratefully do the members of this board testify that this result is due in an eminent measure to the promptings of his inflexibly just and honest spirit.

His public zeal was a pure, steady flame, felt more or less by every man who came within the range of his influence. His personal virtues and characteristics were of a nature that irresistibly won respect and admiration, and, to no limited degree, affection. That his irreproachable deportment, his wise counsel and his unselfish aims are lost, so far as such things can ever be truly said to be wholly lost, to this board are thoughts that fill each and every one of us with a sensation that we cannot hope to adequately embody in words. We can only trust that long after we have ceased to be members of this board the example set us by our former presiding officer will continue to be an inspiration to our successors and a source of pride and security to our people.

His Death Called a Calamity. A special meeting of the Board of Public Improvements was held and the following resolution adopted: Resolved, That in the death of the Hon. Robert M. McLane, Mayor of the city, the people of Baltimore have sustained what may, without exaggeration be called a veritable calamity, the force of which can be and is naturally more thoroughly appreciated by those in official contact with him. His sound sense, clarity of reasoning, coupled with his courteous manner, not without firmness, to all, high and low, while increasing his power for good, endeared him to all who came in contact with him; and

The board hereby places on record its extreme regret that a career promising so much for the future good of the city has been cut off.

The Daily West Virginian contains more good reading matter than any other paper in Marion county.

McKOWN FOR THE SENATE

Republicans Select Their Candidate at Pt. Pleasant—Resolutions Passed Indorsing Senator Scott.

POINT PLEASANT, W. Va., June 3.—At one of the most largely attended and enthusiastic conventions ever held here the Republicans of the Fourth Senatorial district yesterday by acclamation nominated Hon. E. W. McKown, of Spencer, Roane county, for the State Senate. Ringing resolutions were adopted indorsing Scott and instructing the nominee to vote for his re-election.

CALL FOR REPUBLICAN DISTRICT CONVENTIONS.

To the Republican voters of Marion county:

Conventions of the Republican party of the several magisterial districts of Marion county are hereby called to meet on Saturday, the 4th day of June, 1904, at 2 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing delegates to the following named conventions:

To the State nominating convention to be held in Wheeling on the 12th day of July, 1904.

To the Judicial convention to be held in Morgantown on the 8th day of June, 1904, at 10 o'clock A. M.

To the Senatorial convention to be hereafter called.

Also to transact such other business as may properly come before said district conventions.

The said several district conventions will be held at the respective places hereinafter named; and will elect the number of delegates herein after designated, and no more, that is to say:

Fairmont district convention will meet at the Court-house in the City of Fairmont, and is entitled to elect the following number of delegates:

To the State convention, 6.

To the Judicial convention, 9.

To the Senatorial convention, 9.

Grant district convention will meet in Monongah (meeting place to be provided by district committee).

State convention, 2.

Judicial convention, 5.

Senatorial convention, 5.

Lincoln district convention will meet at Farmington school house:

State convention, 3.

Judicial convention, 5.

Senatorial convention, 5.

Mannington district will meet at Town of Mannington at school house.

State convention, 8.

Judicial convention, 11.

Senatorial convention, 11.

Pawpaw district will meet at Neptune school house.

State convention, 2.

Judicial convention, 3.

Senatorial convention, 3.

Union district will meet in the First ward of the City of Fairmont, at the school house.

State convention, 4.

Judicial convention, 6.

Senatorial convention, 6.

Winfield district convention will meet in Mt. Harmony school house.

State convention, 3.

Judicial convention, 5.

Senatorial convention, 5.

It is requested that in making selection of delegates, that only those be selected who are likely to attend the convention to which they are made delegates. The call for the State convention states that no proxies will be admitted as delegates.

By order of the Executive Committee.

HARRY SHAW, Chairman.

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Boston, Mass. National Encampment, G. A. R., August 15-20. One fare for the round trip. Tickets on sale August 13th to 15th, good returning until August 20th, inclusive.

Cincinnati, O. Grand Lodge, B. P. O. Elks, July 15-23. One fare plus \$1.00 for the round trip. Tickets on sale July 15th, 16th, 17th, good returning until July 23d, inclusive.

Detroit, Mich. Baptist Young People's Union of America, International Convention, July 7-10. One fare plus \$2.00 for the round trip. Tickets on sale July 5th to 7th, good returning until July 12th, inclusive.

Indianapolis, Ind. National Prohibition Convention, June 28-30. One fare for the round trip. Tickets on sale June 20th to 27th, good returning until July 10th, inclusive.

Louisville, Ky. Knights of Pythias, Biennial Encampment, August 16-19. One fare plus \$1.00 for the round trip. Tickets on sale August 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th, good returning until August 31st, inclusive.

San Francisco, Cal. Triennial Conclave, Knights Templar, September 5-9. One fare for the round trip to Chicago or St. Louis added to fares tendered therefrom (Chicago \$50.00; St. Louis \$47.50). Dates of sale to be announced later.

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